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C.I.A. Deputy Denies Seeking Char

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WASHINGTON, March 10 — The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence this afternoon denied suggestions that the top leadership of the intelligence community had asked the White House for increased authority to spy on Americans at home and abroad.

Adm. Bobby R. Inman, the Deputy Director, objected to the language of an article in The New York Times this morning saying that "newly appointed intelligence officials" were asking for "re-

newed authority to gather information on Americans with such techniques searches, physical surveillance and infiltration of domestic organizations.

However, in the interview and in subsequent telephone call Admiral Inman did agree that such proposals were embodied in what he called a "first draft" by a "working group" of intelligence agency officials studying the effect of existing legal and administrative restrictions on intelligence work.

Admiral Inman repeatedly stressed that he had not personally endorsed a re-

Intelligence, issued a statement saying his committee had "received proposed revisions to the executive order governing intelligence activities" and that the committee "will be briefed by the C.I.A. Friday on the proposed revisions."

The committee's press spokesman and Admiral Inman subsequently made clear that the "proposed revisions" constituted the "first draft" by the working group, which was headed by the intelligence agency's general counsel, Daniel B. Silver, and that it had been given to the committee at the committee's request after the Times article appeared.

Admiral Inman reiterated firmly that the top executives of the agency were not formally asking for the same revisions in regulations discussed in the Silver draft.

In a reference to the Director of Central Intelligence, William J. Casey, and himself, Admiral Inman said: "The only newly appointed intelligence officials in the Reagan Administration are Bill Casey and Bob Inman and neither of us has asked for any of these things."

The Times, the American Civil Liberties Union and some officials in the Government had obtained copies of a draft of an executive order entitled "Standards for the Conduct of United States Intelligence Activities" containing the changes outlined in the Times article. These revisions would apply to Executive Order 12036, signed by President Carter three years ago. The Senator's formal statement said that "study of proposal is under way with a view to future discussions with the executive branch on this subject."

Semantic questions were involved in Admiral Inman's news briefing and discussions of the subject. Admiral Inman several times stressed that the intelligence community, comprising the C.I.A. and other intelligence agencies, had not asked the Reagan Administration for expanded authority.

Instead, Admiral Inman said, the Reagan Administration had asked the intelligence agencies "to do an assessment of the impact of current restrictions" and to say whether existing laws, executive orders, or practices "inhibit the effectiveness of the intelligence agencies, particularly in dealing with the problems of terrorism and counterintelligence."